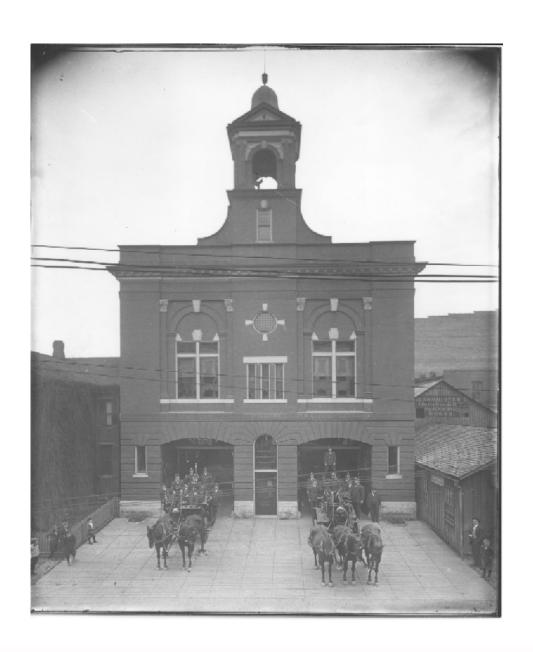
# ROANOKE FIRE-EMS

A Nationally Accredited Agency

# ANNUAL REPORT 2002



100 YEARS OF SERVICE...
A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

## Department Chiefs

James A. McFall March 1, 1903 – January 1, 1918

Carper C. Meador January 1, 1918 - February 20, 1930

William M. Mullins May 12, 1930 – July 16, 1955

John V. Brown August 8, 1955 – July 15, 1962

Sidney W. Vaughan July 16, 1962 - August 1, 1970

Alfred K. Hughson August 1, 1970 – October 6, 1973

Carl C. Holt August 1, 1970 - October 6, 1973

Jerry W. Kerley October 3, 1983 – October 12, 1987

Harry P. McKinney, Jr. December 8, 1987 - February 15, 1989

Rawleigh W. Quarles, Sr. July 13, 1989 - February 25, 1995

James Grigsby October 30, 1995 - Present

# Roanoke Fire Department 1903

Chief

James A. McFall

Captains

J. F. Bowman and B. Crowley

Engineman

J. W. Waggoner

Regular Men

J. R. Bean, M. C. Hudgins, Jas. D. Meador, B. W. Ramsey, M. H. Robertson, J. W. Stinnett, W. H. Viar,

Call Men

Sam Ballentine, T. E. Crowley, J. H. Dyer, W. C. Dyer, C. R. Epps, P. J. Minahan, O. T. Moore, W. E. Moore. P. A. Murphy, Wm. P. Willson





# Message from the Chief

It has been said, "if we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we cannot succeed." Change is a vital component of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department and its quality of service to the citizens of Roanoke. In 2002, the department experienced several new advancements that have enhanced public safety in our community.

Being named a nationally accredited agency in 2002 changed both our status in the community and the nation, as Roanoke Fire-EMS is one of only 66 fire departments in the county to hold this distinguished status.

Another significant change in the department, the retirements of high ranking personnel, allowed us to hold the largest promotional process over the past 10 years. This process also marked the first promotion of a female to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, bringing four women into the officer rank.

Other noteworthy advances within the department and our service to the community include an expanded public education program in the city elementary schools, participating in an adopt-a-firefighter school lunch program, continued growth in the number of business inspections performed by the Fire Prevention Division, and the reorganization of Fire-EMS Administration.

This year marks a new century of service to the community, with technical advances that have made our services more efficient and new standards for improvement. As we continue to grow as an organization, we will maintain the high standards of excellence our citizens and customers have received from this department for 100 years.

As Chief of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department, I am proud to present the Roanoke Fire-EMS 2002 Annual Report.

James Drigsby

In the Service,

James Grigsby Fire-EMS Chief

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## Darlene Burcham City Manager

## George "Chip" Snead Assistant City Manager Operations

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## 2002 AT A GLANCE

- Roanoke Fire-EMS named Nationally Accredited Agency by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc.
- 2002 Assistance to Firefighters grant awarded to department, totaling \$624,840, providing funds for safety and rescue equipment.
- *Risk Watch*, injury prevention program in Roanoke City Schools, giving children the skills and knowledge they need to create safer homes and communities, expanded to 39 classrooms.
- Roanoke Valley Regional Fire-EMS Recruit School #3 held for City of Roanoke, County of Roanoke and City of Salem.
- Held first Roanoke Fire-EMS Citizen Academy.
- Acquired new Engine #14 at \$430,000.

## 2002 Department Budget

The total operating budget for Roanoke Fire-EMS in 2002 was \$15,935,163.

Operations	\$1	11,704,386
Administration	\$	712,137
Support	\$	629,670
Airport	\$	757,534
EMS	\$	2.131.436

## Mission

This department exists to protect and preserve the lives and property of residents and visitors of the City of Roanoke from damage or loss due to fire, medical emergencies, environmental hazards, and traumatic accidents.

## Vision

The Roanoke Fire-EMS Department will...

- work to prevent emergencies from occurring through fire code enforcement, investigation, and public education.
- strive to be the recognized leader in fire-EMS in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States.
- be the department of choice for our employees to work and achieve professional development.
- develop innovative training techniques and a research and development program for all aspects of emergency service delivery.
- be recognized as a resource of chief officers for other departments through superior officer training and development.
- value constructive change as positive.

## Core Values

The employees of this department are our most valuable resource. Only through them will our mission be accomplished.

The residents and visitors of Roanoke are our customers. We will constantly strive to provide them with the highest quality of service possible. We will consider every contact with them an opportunity to demonstrate our mission and values.

Employee and customer safety will affect our approach to the services we provide.

A philosophy of participative management involves employees in issues that affect them, encouraging open dialogue, teamwork, trust, and the sharing of ideas among employees and management.

We will maintain department integrity and longevity through fiscally sound and proactive planning and budgeting.

Through research and development, visioning and creativity, we will constantly strive for better ways to fulfill our mission in service to our customers.

We will promote the attributes of leadership, service, pride, and respect in a secure, diverse workplace.

## Leadership Philosophy

We are a team of dedicated, hard-working individuals who want to do a professional job. We trust, train, empower, and hold each other accountable to accomplish our mission.

# Roanoke Fire-EMS Named Nationally Accredited Agency

In August 2002, Roanoke Fire-EMS received Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc. (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. Roanoke Fire-EMS is one of 66 fire departments out of more than 30,000 in the country that have achieved Accredited Agency status with the CFAI, including three others from Virginia (Charlottesville Fire Department, Richmond-Henrico County Division of Fire, and Virginia Beach Fire De-

partment).

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc. is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The CFAI process is voluntary, and provides an



agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance internally and then work with a team of peers from other agencies to evaluate the agency's completed self-assessment.

The achievement of Accredited Agency status for Roanoke Fire-EMS demonstrates the commitment of the department to provide the highest quality of service to our community. The department was able to use the review process as a proactive mechanism to plan for the future of the department and its service delivery, as well as locate areas where we can improve on the quality of the services we provide. The recommendations attained in the evaluation will be used to determine future budgets, strategic plans, etc.

Roanoke Fire-EMS actively prepared for the evaluation for more than two years. Every department member contributed to the preparation efforts from cleaning a station to developing new operational procedures. Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc. is good for five years. After the fifth year, the agency must go through the CFAI's re-accreditation process.

# 2002 GRANT OVERVIEW

Grant Name	Grant Source	Grant Amount	Local Match Requirement	<u>Grant Services</u> <u>Funded</u>
Rescue Squad Assistance Grant Program	Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	\$28,000	\$14,000 (50%)	Eight automatic external defibrillators (AED) and four suction units
Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	s Grant Association (FEMA)		\$187,452 (30%)	New firefighting equipment in the form of Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) equipment and personal protective equipment—replacing obsolete and old air packs
Hazardous Materials Grant Program	Virginia Department of Emergency Management	\$15,000	NONE	Expendable equipment and training for Regional Hazardous Materials Team
Fire Programs Fund (FPF) Aid to Localities	Virginia Department of Fire Programs	\$127,202	NONE	Regional Training Center debt service, fire service equipment (i.e., turnout gear, boots, helmets, hose, etc.) and training purposes
Risk Watch Expansion Grant	Virginia Department of Health, Center for Injury and Violence Prevention	\$1,800	NONE	Expansion of public education program into Pre-K (22 classrooms), bringing the total number of classrooms to 39



## 2002 PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Station	# Activities	Man Hours	# People
#1	348	337.5	2413
#2	33	52	156
#3	84	141	397
#4	50	91.5	246
#5	6	7	26
#6	50	115	205
#7	54	146	561
#8	94	124.5	334
#9	13	25	32
#10	47	83	361
#11	23	73	133
#13	28	50	67
#14	10	6	27
Other	20	60	550
TOTAL	857	1311.5	5508

# NFPA's Risk Watch Program Brought to Elementary Schools

During the 2001–2002 school year, Fire-EMS implemented an injury prevention program, *Risk Watch*, in four elementary schools (17 classrooms). *Risk Watch* gives children and their families the skills and knowledge they need to create safer homes and communities, and is a school-based curriculum that links teachers with community safety experts. All program

materials were received through a grant from the Virginia Department of Health. In addition to the initial 17 classrooms, all preschool classrooms are implementing the program for the 2002-2003 academic year.



In January 2002, Roanoke Fire-EMS partnered with Roanoke City Schools to bring the HE-ROES (Help Encourage Roanoke's Outstanding Education Students) program to local classrooms. Firefighters from five fire-EMS stations were "adopted" one day per week. These firefighters ate lunch with the students and shared stories, experiences and positive messages.

## **FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

Roanoke Fire-EMS encourages all Roanoke residents to practice fire safety steps every day.

Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility and fire prevention precautions DO make a difference! The Fire Prevention Division of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department offers fireplace safety and/or home fire safety inspections at no cost. Citizens can call 853-2795 to set up an appointment.

Citizens in need can also receive a smoke detector and/or replacement battery at no cost from Roanoke Fire-EMS Administration, 541 Luck Avenue, Suite 120, Roanoke, VA 24016.





Total # Smoke detectors distributed in 2002: 130

Total # Chimney/Home Inspections completed in 2002: 38

#### Fire Prevention Division 2002 Activity Report

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	Mar	<u>Apr</u>	May	<u>June</u>	July	Aug	Sept	<u>Oct</u>	Nov	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
Inspections	511	601	459	552	784	904	860	796	622	710	528	724	8051
Hours	328	300	298	227	344	351	331	354	320	352	237	310	3752
Inspection/Hour	1.56	2.00	1.54	2.43	2.28	2.58	2.60	2.25	1.94	2.02	2.23	2.34	2.15

Plans Reviewed: Approximately 950 hours spent reviewing 136 plans

Permits: 13 permits issued to store and/ or use explosives

- 2 bonfire permits issued
- 4 fireworks use permits issued
- 5 open burning permits issued

Acceptance Tests: 108

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Fire Prevention Division exceeds code requirements for schools, nursing homes, day care centers, and hospitals by inspecting each two or three times per year.

## 2002 SUMMARY

Land Area: 43 square miles

Population: 94,911

Stations: 13



## **PERSONNEL**

Uniformed: 265

Civilian: 6

Total: 271

## Significant Incidents

#### January 3

Fire on Circle Drive, SW causes \$450,000 in damage

#### March 19

Collapse of church wall on Campbell Avenue

#### May 5

Fire on 18th Street kills 3

#### May 19

Divers find body of Botetourt man in Carvins Cove

#### October 24

Warehouse Fire on Salem Avenue causes \$780,000 in damage

Fire Related Deaths 3
Fire Related Injuries 11

Total Fire Dollar Loss \$7,469,747

Incident Type	Total
Bomb Threat	22
Medi-Vac Assist	1
Fire Alarm Activation	1,403
Life Threaten—EMS	10,718
Critical Life Threaten–EMS	1,053
Biological Hazard	1
Non-Life Threat–EMS	1,895
Brush/Grass Fire	173
Car/Vehicle Fire	212
CO alarm—with patients	15
CO alarm—without patients	31
Aircraft Emergencies	36
Building Collapse	2
Elevator Rescue	59
Structure Fires—Report 911	776
Working Fires	97
Vehicle Accident–Serious Injury	684
Vehicle Accident–Minor Injury	890
Vehicle Accident–Property Damage	9
Public Service—Fire	292
Standby–Fire	11
HazMat Incident	17
Gas/Product Leak	33
Move to Cover	51
Public Service–EMS	303
Standby–EMS	112
Mulch Fire	12
Odor–Unknown	91
Subject Down	575
Quick Dash–CFR Test	4
Spill–Hazardous Prod.	61
Train Incident	0
Trash/Dumpster Fire	70
Tactical Rescue Response	0
Wires Down–Hazard	247
2002 TOTAL	19,956

## Apparatus Response

## Engine Companies

Engine	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	E11	E13	E14	COWG7 COEN7	Total
Total Calls	1301	1482	675	1737	1175	779	802	1020	1226	727	1037	738	155	12874
Day/ Average	3.56	4.06	1.85	4.76	3.22	2.13	2.20	2.79	3.36	1.99	2.84	2.02	0.42	2.71

## Ladder Companies

Ladder	L1	L2	L7	L13	Total
Total Calls	1261	958	537	627	3383
Day/Average	3.45	2.62	1.47	1.72	232

#### Medical Units

Medical Unit	MU1	MU2	MU3	MU4	MU6	MU9	MU10	MU101	RU101	RKE CO	Total
Total Calls	2575	2481	2580	1815	2488	2263	2410	527	36	220	17395
Day/ Average	7.05	6.80	7.07	4.97	6.82	6.20	6.60	1.44	0.10	0.60	4.76

## Battalion Chiefs, EMS Officers

Officer	BC1	BC2	RS1	Total
Total Calls	968	1101	2704	4773
Day/Average	2.65	3.02	7.41	4.36

## Airport Rescue/Firefighting (ARFF)

Airport Rescue Unit	AR1	AR2	AR3	AR4	Total
Total Calls	29	24	24	3	80
Day/Average	.08	.07	.07	.01	.06

## ROANOKE FIRE-EMS PERSONNEL

Joe Adkins	Ted Adkins	Scot Alford	Richard Alley	Billy Altman
Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Lieutenant/Paramedic	Lieutenant	Captain/Paramedic
Mike Armstrong	Johnnie Arrington	Georgette Asbury	Karen Ash	Kim Atkins
Captain	Lieutenant	Lieutenant/Paramedic	Firefighter/Paramedic	Support Assistant
Joe Austin	Alan Austin	Mark Bailey	Mike Banks	Dale Barker
Firefighter/Paramedic	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Captain
Larry Bartley	Jeff Beckner	Toby Bedwell	Roy Bedwell	Kevin Bell
Firefighter/EMT 1	Battalion Chief	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant
Ellen Bender	Jeremy Bennington	Brent Berry	Bobby B <mark>iggs</mark>	David Bishop
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Captain
Keith Blankenship	Tracy Blevins	David Bocock	Rob Bolton	Scott Boone
Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT 1	Firefighter/EMT 1
Stacey Boothe	Cecil Boyd	Kevin Bradbury	Scott Bradford	Jamey Brads
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Kelcey Branch	Scott Branscome	James Brantley	Tim Brown	Chris Brown
Lieutenant	Fire Protection Engineer	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant
Mark Brown	John Burrows	Bryan Butler	Tim Cady	Jim Cady
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant
Ronnie Campbell	Kenny Campb <mark>ell</mark>	Richard Carter	Craig Champney	Phillip Chitwood
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT
Gary Clark	Marvin Coleman	Travis Collins	Brian Conner	Gary Conner
Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT 1	Firefighter/EMT	Captain
Chris Coulter	Mac Craft	Brad Creasy	Dennis Croft	Jason Crouch
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT 1	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic
Mike Crowder	Chris Decker	Mat Dewhirst	Phillip Dillon	John Dixon
Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic
John Dubose	Jeffrey Dudley	Greg Duncan	Dennis Duncan	Bobbie Early
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	1st Lieutenant
Stephen East	Katherine Edwards	Leroy Edwards	Kenny Entsmi <mark>nger</mark>	Jeremy Evans
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT
Jennifer Faulkner Information/Accreditation	Barry Ferguson	Butch Ferguson	Audie Ferris	Eddie Fielder
	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Battalion Chief	1st Lieutenant
James Firebaugh	Brian Fitchner	Rhett Fleitz	Adam Fleming	Terrill Flora
Captain	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant
Lynn Flora	Charlie Focht <mark>man</mark>	Andy Foley	Nathan Foutz	Clayton Fowler
Lieutenant	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant
Chris Franklin	Jarrod Fuhrman	Greg Fulton	Kenny Furrow	Heather Gabelmann
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Firefighter/EMT 1
Noel Gardner	Billy Gayle	Thomas Gherman	Baron Gibson	Jim Gish
Firefighter/Paramedic	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT
Greg Graham	Jim Grigsby	Johnny Guilliams	Roger Guilliams	John Hal <mark>e</mark>
Firefighter/EMT	Chief	Captain	Lieutenant	Captain
Wayne Hall	George Harris	Tim Harris	Todd Harris	Terry Hauck
Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Dennis Hayes	David Heck	Scott Hetherington	Justin Hi <mark>nes</mark>	David Hoback
Firefighter/Paramedic	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Deputy Chief
Joe Hodgin	Josh Holmes	Marvin Huddleston	Breck Hudson	Danny Hughes
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	Captain/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT 1	Firefighter/EMT
Gracey Humbert Firefighter/Paramedic	William Humbert	Robert Humphreys	P. K. Hundley	Paul Hunt
	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT
Doug Hurd	Kenny Hurt	Jim Hylton	Ramon Inge	Mark Ingvaldesn
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic	Captain
Jimmy Jennings	Phillip Johnson	Linda Jones	Rodney Jordan	Tim Jordan
Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant

#### 100 YEARS OF SERVICE... A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

## ROANOKE FIRE-EMS PERSONNEL

Steve Jordan	Robert Joyner	Pete Kandis	Mark Kesterson	Barry Kincer
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT 1	Captain	1st Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT 1
Terry King	Steve Lambruscati	Gary Laprad	Xavier Lee	Rory Lee
Captain	Lieutenant	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Captain
Johnnie Lester	Barry Lussen	John Manspile	Roger Manuel	Roger Markham
Captain	Captain	1st Lieutenant	Battalion Chief	Firefighter/EMT
Clayton Martin	Greg McCoy	Steven McFaden	Todd McFall	Kent McIlhany
1st Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant
Tim McSherry	Travis Meador	Tonia Meeks	Freddie Miller	Chuck Mills
Captain/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Mike Milton	Marlan Morris	Tom Mougin	Scott Mutter	Sam Mutter
Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Firefighter/EMT
Bob Neil	Mark Nelson	Larry Nichols	Maurice Nicholson	Beth Norwood
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/Paramedic	Battalion Chief	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Billy Obenchain	Randy Obenchain	Tina O'Brien	Mike Overacker	Tommy Overstreet
Battalion Chief	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant
David Palmer	Darren Par <mark>ker</mark>	Tim Parry	Chuck Patrick	Richard Patterson
Firefighter/Paramedic	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant
Jeff Peay	Michael Peay	George Perdue	Robert Perdue	Wayne Perkins
Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Captain	Firefighter/EMT
Riley Peters	Hank Pfister	Mark Podlewski	Tony Poindexter	David Pope
Captain	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Captain/Paramedic
Chris Price	J.J. Price	Courtney Price	Mike Pruitt	Joe Pugh
Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant/Paramedic	Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT
Daniel Rakes	Jay Ransome	Rob Reid	Todd Reighley	Jimmie Renick
Lieutenant	Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Captain
James Reynolds, Jr.	Brian Riddle	Chad Riddleberger	Rob Roach	Shawn Roark
Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/Paramedic
Doug Rorrer	Mike Rose	Dean Russell	Melvin Sanders	Brent Scott
Lieutenant	Ist Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Battalion Chief	Lieutenant
Craig Sellers	David Sexton	Chuck Sharp	Kenny Shelton	Tommy Shelton
Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Travis Simmons	Barry Simmons	Zach Slayton	Bobby Slayton	Mike Smith
Firefighter/EMT 1	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Battalion Chief	Lieutenant
Randy Smith	Oscar Smith	Daryl Songer	Daryl Songer	Jimmy Southall
Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain
Daniel Spearin	Daniel Spradling	Chris Stafford	Marci Stone	Todd Stone
Firefighter/Paramedic	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	Captain
Brenda Stores Executive Secretary	Vince Stover	Sam Stump	Chuck Swecker	John Sweeney
	Support Administrator	Lieutenant/Paramedic	1st Lieutenant	Captain
Ralph Tartaglia	Kevin Taylor	Jerry Thompson	Loren Thompson	Mary Thompson
Assistant Chief	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant	Administrative Secretary
Ricky Troutt	Chris Trussler	Clarence Turpin	Brad Underwood	Pete Uzelac
Battalion Chief	Captain	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT
Werner VanDamme	Nicole Wade	Kenny Walker	Anthony Wallace	George Warren
Captain	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Captain	Captain
Ed Watts	Scott Weaver	Farren Webb	Toby Webb	Kevin Weeks
Captain	Firefighter/Paramedic	Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	1st Lieutenant
Bill West	Matthew Wheeling	Keith Whitlow	Charles Williams	Charlie Williams
Lieutenant	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Lieutenant
Willie Wines, Jr.	Willie Wines, Dr.	David Wray	Brian Wray	Clonnie Yearout
Captain	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Firefighter/EMT	Captain

#### Fire-EMS Citizen Academy



Roanoke Fire-EMS conducted its first Citizen Academy in September 2002. Seven people attended the academy, donning bright red RECRUIT shirts, and learned a variety of aspects of the department including what gear firefighters wear to what they actually do at a fire. They tried on gear, from jackets and pants to air packs and masks. They crawled through a confined space, climbed ladders, sprayed water hoses, pulled a 160-pound dummy

across the ground and put a fellow classmate on a backboard and rode her around in the medic truck. The three-day training was an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about the department and its mission.

## Purchase of New Engine 14

New Engine 14 is a 2001 KME Firestix Telesquirt. It is equipped with a 1500 GPM (gallons per minute) pump with a 500 gallon tank, and a 55 foot light-rescue ladder with a waterway. This engine was purchased for \$430,000 and is located at Fire-EMS Station #14, 161 Mecca Street, and serves the NE community.



#### Physical Ability Test Changes for New Firefighters

Roanoke Fire-EMS, Roanoke County Fire & Rescue, Salem Fire-EMS and the Vinton Fire Department used different physical ability tests for new applicants for many years.



In August 2002, the departments jointly introduced a new test called the Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT). Developed through the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Firefighters, the test has approval from the U.S. Justice Department. The course involves eight separate stations that are more physical and more closely resemble real firefighting duties. The candidate must wear a 50-pound vest and perform activities such

as: walking on a step machine, dragging a 165-pound dummy, raising a ladder, swinging a sledgehammer, and crawling through a maze. The CPAT test gives candidates a good idea of what it will be like to be one of America's finest.

## Roanoke Fire-EMS Makes Largest Round of Promotions in 10 Years

Due to recent and pending retirements of high ranking personnel, Roanoke Fire-EMS made the largest round of promotions in the department over the past 10 years.



Marking a milestone in department history was the first promotion of a



female to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Fulltime personnel since 1995, this promotional process brought a total of four women into the officer ranks of Lieutenant (3) and 1st Lieutenant (1).

#### 2002 Memorial Service

At the Fallen Firefighter Memorial, located in front of the Virginia Museum of Transportation, bells tolled for the firefighters, police officers, rescue personnel, and other victims that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Approximately 250 people attended a memorial service on Wednesday,



September 11, 2002 honoring those lost. Firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel from Roanoke, Roanoke County and Salem joined residents, city employees and government leaders in a brief, solemn service that included reading the names of the fallen 403 firefighters, police officers and rescue personnel. The service included the "tolling of the bell" (five chimes, pause, five chimes, pause, five chimes), the

national fire signal to recognize a firefighter killed in the line of duty, using the refurbished bell from Fire-EMS Station #1.



## Roanoke Fire-EMS Receives Assistance to Firefighters Grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration announced in September that the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department had been awarded a \$624,840 grant from the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

The award will be used by the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department for support in Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety. Specifically, the award will be used to acquire new firefighting equipment in the form of Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) kits, and to update personal protective equipment by replacing old and obsolete air packs.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity for the United States Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery across the United States. Over 5,000 departments received \$360 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase, and prevention programs in 2002.

Over 19,000 fire departments applied for grant awards in 2002. The request of the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department went through a national peer review process involving over 300 fire service leaders.

#### 116 Year Old Firehouse Bell Restored

On July 27, 2001, Lynchburg Crane lowered the corroded, 116 year-old fire bell from Fire-EMS Station #1 70 feet onto a metal frame. One year later the restored bell made its debut at a Memorial Service on September 11, 2002.

Made of brass and tin, the bell spent its first 10 years in a volunteer station at Jefferson Street and Kirk Avenue. It was installed in the bell tower of Station #1 in 1906, the year the station was built.



Roanoke Fire-EMS personnel worked with Norfolk Southern Corporation and the City of Roanoke's Wood Shop to complete the restoration. Norfolk Southern Corporation's locomotive shop donated 42 manhours to complete the project.

Restored to its original condition, the bell will be seen on display at Fire-EMS Station #1 (Church Avenue), at memorial ceremonies, various special occasions, and honoring deceased firefighters with a "last alarm" at their funerals.

## Roanoke Fire-EMS Battles Largest Fire in Years

In October 2002, Roanoke Fire-EMS responded to a three-alarm warehouse fire in the 300 block of Salem Avenue, S. W. The fire apparently broke out around 2:00 p.m. in the basement of the building, which served as a warehouse for Roanoke Electric Zupply.



Firefighters chain-sawed through bay doors to gain access to the building, but were driven out by intense fire and smoke. On two occasions, loud bells alarmed alerting firefighters to clear out of the building. Af-

ter about an hour, firefighters turned their efforts defensively toward saving the neighboring buildings. Fearing the warehouse may collapse, firefighters cleared fire apparatus from the front of the building and emptied a city parking lot next door.

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue was called upon to refill air tanks, while firefighters from Salem and Vinton were on standby to help on calls elsewhere in the city.



Firefighters were able to keep the flames from entering the building next door, however the building sustained water damage. At the height of the fire, nearby businesses shut windows and stuffed floor mats against doors in an effort to keep out the intense smoke.

In the late afternoon, the Virginia Department of Health issued an advisory, asking nearby residents to try to avoid the smoke. Fire-EMS personnel remained on the scene throughout the night and next day putting out hot spots and watching the building next door. By sundown, the fire was considered under control. This fire, the largest battled in years, caused approximately \$780,000 in damage.



#### New Employees 2002

John E. Burrows
Ramon D. Inge
Shawn E. Roark

Darryll A. Grimes
Michael A. Pruitt
Nobert L. Reid
Daniel L. Spearin

Leon R. Taylor

#### Promotions 2002

Deputy Chief Assistant Chief
David Hoback Ralph Tartaglia

**Battalion Chief** 

Jeff Beckner Roger Manuel Melvin Sanders

**Captain** 

Ted Adkins David Bishop David Heck Marlan Morris Robert Perdue Chris Trussler Werner VanDamme Anthony Wallace

1st Lieutenant

Chris Brown Dennis Croft Robert Early Richard Flora Mark Kesterson Mike Rose Marci Stone Chuck Swecker

Kevin Weeks

Lieutenant

Toby BedwellKelcey BranchMatt DewhirstDoug HurdTim JordanCourtney PriceTodd ReighleyChad RiddlebergerBrent ScottMike SmithDaryl SongerLoren Thompson

Clarence Turpin Nicole Wade

#### Retirements 2002

Ernest Brown, Firefighter/EMT

Harold Fitzgerald, Lieutenant

Michael Hanks, Captain

John Lucas, Captain

Raymond Neel, Firefighter/EMT

Donald Dixon, Captain

Bobby Geary, Captain

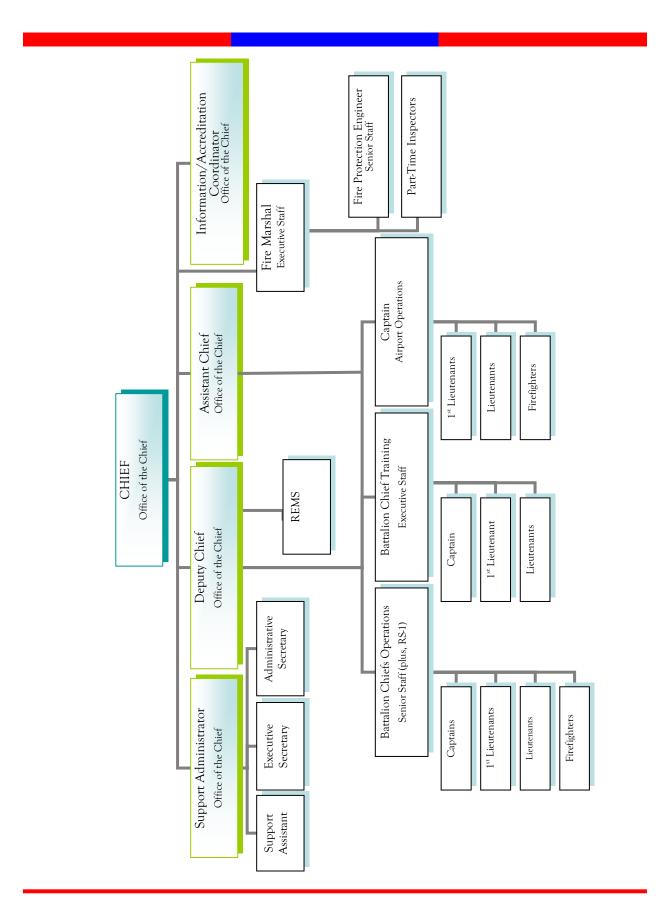
Daniel Hughes, Captain

Garry Moorefield, Captain

Ronald Renick, Captain

Richard Sarver, Battalion Chief Winston Simmons, Deputy Chief

Billy Southall, Deputy Chief Charlie Tinsley, Firefighter Chuck Wells, Lieutenant Warren Young, Captain



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#### FIRE-EMS STATION #1

13 East Church Avenue, SE Roanoke, VA 24011 fire-ems\_1@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1906



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#### FIRE-EMS STATION #2

55 Noble Avenue, NE Roanoke, VA 24012 fire-ems\_2@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1950



#### FIRE-EMS STATION #3

301 Sixth Street, SW Roanoke, VA 24016 fire-ems\_3@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1909

#### FIRE-EMS STATION #4 3763 Peters Creek Road, SW Roanoke, VA 24018 fire-ems 4@ci.roanoke.va.us



#### FIRE-EMS STATION #5

216 Twelfth Street, NW Roanoke, VA 24017 fire-ems\_5@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1911





Built in 1999

#### FIRE-EMS STATION #6

1333 Jamison Avenue, SE Roanoke, VA 24013 fire-ems\_6@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1979



#### FIRE-EMS STATION #7

1742 Memorial Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24015 fire-ems\_7@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1922

#### FIRE-EMS STATION #8

2328 Crystal Springs Avenue, SW Roanoke, VA 24014 fire-ems\_8@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1928



#### FIRE-EMS STATION #9

514 24th Street, NW Roanoke, VA 24017 fire-ems\_9@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1928





Built in 1978

#### FIRE-EMS STATION #10

5202 Aviation Drive, NW Roanoke, VA 24012 fire-ems\_10@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1975



#### FIRE-EMS STATION #11

1502 Riverland Road, SE Roanoke, VA 24013 fire-ems\_11@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1964





#### FIRE-EMS STATION #14

161 Mecca Street, NE Roanoke, VA 24012 fire-ems\_14@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 1994



# ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE-EMS TRAINING CENTER



1220 Kessler Mill Road Salem, VA 24153 fire-ems@ci.roanoke.va.us Built in 2000

# ROANOKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (REMS)



374 Day Avenue, SW Salem, VA 24016 info@roanokeems.org Built in 1955

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